

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 27 are presently before the examiner. Claims 1-13, 15 and 21-27 are canceled herein without prejudice to re-claiming the subject matter therein in a subsequent application. Claims 14, 16 and 17 are amended herein. Finally new claims 28 – 33 have been added. The new claims are fully supported by the specification and add no new matter.

Non-compliant Amendment

The examiner issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in which the examiner noted that (1) each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, i.e., original, currently amended, canceled, previously amended, new, not entered, withdrawn, withdrawn-currently amended; (2) the claims have not been presented in ascending numerical ascending order; and (3) new claims 25-27 overlap current claims 25-27, which is improper. The new claims should begin at claim 28.

Applicants' response

Claims 25 – 27 have been canceled. All amended claims have been designated as such. The new claims are now numbered 28 – 33 as required.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above remarks, applicants believe that this application is allowable and respectfully request that it be passed to issue.

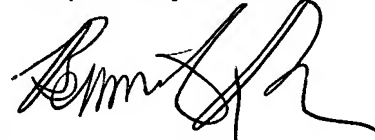
Applicant does not believe that any fee is due with this response. If such is incorrect the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due with this response to restriction requirement to Squire Sanders and Dempsey, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

If the examiner would like to discuss any of the above, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (415) 954-0200 at the examiner's convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernard F. Rose', written over a horizontal line.

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